

Remarks

After amendment, claims 1, 6-11, 12-16 and 47 remain pending in the present application. All other claims are canceled in this application in order to expedite allowance of the present application. No other amendment to the claims is made. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

In his March, 2010 office action, the Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 12-16 and 47 and rejected the remaining pending claims, with the exception of claim 2, to which the Examiner objected. The Examiner indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if all limitations of independent claim 1 were inserted into claim 2. Applicants, in response, in order to expedite allowance in the present application, have cancelled claim 2, and inserted the subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1, thus rendering newly amended claim 1 allowable. Previously pending claim 5 has been canceled. Remaining pending claims 6-11, originally rejected, are now dependent on newly amended and allowable independent claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that with the amendment of independent claim 1, pending claims 1 and 5-11 are now allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6-11, 12-16 and 47 are now allowable. Given the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that any further discussion of the rejected, but now canceled claims, has been mooted by the present amendment.

Applicants note that in cancelling the rejected claims, this action is taken *without prejudice* in order to give Applicants a chance to determine the desirability of filing a continuation/divisional application directed to prosecuting the claims cancelled herein and/or other claims supported by the present application.

The Examiner has rejected previously pending claims 1, 5-11 and 46 for the reasons which are identified in the office action on pages 2-5. Applicants respectfully submit that with the amendment to the previously pending claims, in light of the Examiner's acknowledgement of the allowability of claims 12-16 and 46 and the subject matter of claim 2, which has been incorporated into independent claim 1 (claims 6-11 are

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dependent on allowable claim 1), all of the presently pending claims are considered allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the instant amendment now places pending claims 1, 6-11, 12-16 and 46 in condition for allowance. No further discussion of the rejection of the previously pending claims is deemed necessary given that the amendment to the claims has rendered the Examiner's rejection moot (see paragraphs 7 and 8 on page 5 of the March, 2010 office action).

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims set forth in the amendment to the application of the present invention are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have canceled 3 dependent claims (2, 5 and 47). No fee is therefore due for the presentation of this amendment. No fee is due for the presentation of this response. If any fee is due or any overpayment has been made, please charge/credit Deposit Account No. 04-0838.

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